



New Airport Runway MAC to Hold Informational Meetings

A NEW NORTH/SOUTH RUNWAY IS under construction that will increase the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport’s capacity by approximately 25 percent, helping to reduce congestion and delays at the airport. Part of a \$3.1 billion expansion plan developed by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC), the runway is scheduled to open in October.

When the runway is in use, increased aircraft noise will impact residents who currently experience little or no aircraft noise. MAC is holding informational meetings to answer questions about how residents may be affected by the new runway’s operations.

MEETINGS BEFORE THE RUNWAY OPENING

Tuesday, June 7	6:30 p.m.	People of Praise Church, 2300 E. 88th St.
Friday, June 10 (Impact on business)	8 a.m.	Bloomington Chamber Offices, 9633 Lyndale Ave. S.
Monday, June 13	6:30 p.m.	Holy Emmanuel Lutheran, 201 E. 104th St.
Tuesday, June 21	6:30 p.m.	Bloomington Civic Plaza, 1800 W. Old Shakopee Road
Thursday, June 23	6:30 p.m.	Cedar Valley Church, 8600 Bloomington Ave. S.
Tuesday, June 28	6:30 p.m.	Bloomington Civic Plaza, Schneider Theater

MEETINGS AFTER THE RUNWAY OPENING

Monday, November 14	6:30 p.m.	Bloomington Civic Plaza, Schneider Theater
Tuesday, November 22	6:30 p.m.	Bloomington Civic Plaza, Schneider Theater

For information, call MAC’s Noise Complaint and Information Line at 612-726-9411 or visit www.macnoise.com.

Traffic-Calming Update New Policy Approved for Collector Streets

IN APRIL, THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVED A new policy to help improve the safety of Bloomington’s streets.

As part of the City’s traffic-calming program, the new policy provides for collector streets that have no center medians to be changed from four undivided lanes, to two lanes or two lanes with a center, dual left-turn lane. *See photo.* On-street parking or striped

shoulders would also be added where width is sufficient. The goal is to increase safety and decrease speeds without negatively affecting the level of service of the roadway.

Under the new policy, streets scheduled for seal coat, overlay or reconstruction that have four undivided lanes and daily traffic counts of less than 10,000 vehicles per day will be considered for the program. Nine Mile Creek Parkway from Stanley Avenue to 90th

Street has been approved for the 2005 program. Poplar Bridge Road between Normandale Boulevard and France Avenue, and 84th Street between Pillsbury and Nicollet avenues are also eligible for the 2005 program.

For more information about the new policy, specific projects or the City of Bloomington traffic-calming program, visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords: Traffic calming, or call Amy Marohn, Traffic Calming Coordinator at 952-563-4532.



WHAT IS A COLLECTOR STREET?

Collector streets connect residential streets to major roadways called arterial routes. They are designed to carry more traffic than a residential street.

2005 General Elections City and School District Offices on the Ballot

CANDIDATE FILING OPENS ON TUESDAY, July 5, 8 a.m. and closes on Tuesday, July 19, 5 p.m. All terms of office are four years. If a Primary Election is required, it will be on Tuesday, September 13, and the General Election will be Tuesday, November 8.

CITY OFFICES

Councilmember, At Large.

Councilmember, District I.

Councilmember, District II.

For more information, call the City Clerk’s Office at 952-563-4925.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICES

School Board Members – four offices open.

For more information, call Bloomington Schools at 952-681-6421.

Celebrate by Using Consumer Fireworks Safely Tips from the Experts in Fire Prevention

CONSUMER FIREWORKS AND celebrations often go hand-in-hand, but care is needed to prevent fires and injuries. Minnesota law allows only non-exploding and non-aerial consumer fireworks. Consumer fireworks may not be used on public property including City parks and facilities, streets and school grounds. If you use fireworks, follow these important safety tips:

- Buy only from a Minnesota-based store or stand to ensure that devices are permitted here.

- Consumer fireworks should be used only by adults.
- Keep children and animals away from the firing area and at least 25 feet away when viewing.
- Follow all instructions on the packaging or device.
- Keep a bucket of water nearby for extinguishing small fires and for disposal of used devices.
- Do not touch or attempt to relight any device that does not fire. Wait 20 minutes, then discard it into a bucket of water.

- Never modify a fireworks device. For information, call 952-563-8933.



Sparklers, fountains and other novelty items are legal in Minnesota.

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